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## COMPUTER SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

OF THE

## UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

## SECURITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Held at CIA Headquarters
Langley, Virginia
6 November 1970

1. The thirty-seventh meeting of the Computer Security Subcommittee of the United States Intelligence Board Security Committee was held on 6 November 1970 between 0930 and 1045 hours in Room 4E-64, CIA Headquarters Building. In attendance were:

Mr. Terence J. Shea, State Member

Mr. Louis J. Martin, Army Alternate
Mr. Daniel J. Dinan, Navy Alternate
Capt. Charles L. Bishop, Air Force Member

Mr. Howard Weinheimer, Army
Capt. William Gilbride, Air Force

2. The security level of the meeting was announced as Top Secret COMINT.

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- 3. Approval of Minutes: In view of urgent action needed with reference to the Subcommittee's previous discussion of the International Computer Institute, dissemination and approval of the minutes of the 30 October meeting were deferred.
- 4. Guidelines for Security Analysis, Testing, and Evaluation of Resource-Sharing Computer Systems: The Chairman reported that on 3 November he had met with the Air Force and DIA members of the Subcommittee to discuss the approach taken to the guideline paper as reflected in the previous draft. Also involved in this discussion was a rewrite of this first draft prepared by DIA. In the discussion, the Chairman had suggested that a somewhat different approach be taken to the guideline paper. The earlier draft had spelled out in some detail security requirements for system operation; it was recommended that the paper be shortened, be directed toward defining analysis and testing requirements rather than policy requirements, and that its directive tone be modified.
- 5. As a result of this meeting with the DIA and Air Force members, Capt. Bishop, with assistance from rewrote the guideline paper; although he had a copy of the new draft with him, time did not permit reproduction of it.

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6. With the limited attendance at the instant meeting, the urgency to discuss the International Computer Institute further, and the lack of copies of the revised draft of the guideline paper, discussion of the latter was postponed until the next Subcommittee meeting. Capt. Bishop indicated that he will have copies of the new draft distributed to all members at the beginning of the week of 9 November. Members were requested to review it, accomplish working level staffing in their separate organizations, and be prepared to discuss it substantively at the next meeting. In addition, Capt. Bishop asked members to submit any comments if possible to or himself before the next meeting.

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7. The Navy representative raised some question about the purpose of the paper, suggesting that it be directive in nature. It

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was explained, however, that the tasking of the Subcommittee from USIB was only to provide guidelines for the security analysis, testing, and evaluation of systems. Further, the implementation and use of these guidelines would be left to the discretion of each individual agency.

- 8. International Computer Institute: The Chairman reopened discussion of the possible threat posed by the establishment of and United States participation in the International Computer Institute. He related that the Chairman of the Security Committee had contacted him on 5 November subsequent to a discussion of the Institute with the Director of Central Intelligence. The latter had mentioned that the Director, DIA had some concern about the Subcommittee's preliminary conclusion in this matter that no Security Committee action was warranted. The Chairman also related that he had been tasked to gather the available information about the Institute's establishment for the purpose of briefing the Director; further, he had been requested to attempt to resolve the questions raised by the Director, DIA.
- 9. The State member, in response to a 5 November telephonic request by the Chairman, provided copies of all available Department correspondence on the International Computer Institute.
- 10. The DIA member, at the Chairman's request, arranged a meeting with appropriate personnel from his Agency to discuss the problem as viewed by DIA; this meeting was scheduled for 1300 hours on 6 November.
- 11. The Chairman then proceeded to read a draft summary of the earlier Subcommittee discussion of the International Computer Institute matter in order to ensure that the summary reflected the true opinions of members. This reading verified that members agreed with the conclusions noted at the previous meeting. DIA reiterated that they supported the Subcommittee action in this matter. The DIA member himself did not understand the question raised by his Director with the DCI. It was anticipated that the scheduled meeting with DIA officials that afternoon would resolve the matter satisfactorily.



- 12. Although a draft response to the Security Committee outlining the conclusions of the Subcommittee with reference to its study of the International Computer Institute matter was ready for coordination at the instant meeting, this coordination was deferred until the DIA question was completely resolved.
- 13. Security Labeling Standards: The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting of the COINS Security Panel held at DIA on 5 November. At this meeting he learned that a type of coding scheme for security labels is being developed for COINS use. He noted that the Panel was unaware of the Subcommittee and DIA efforts in this field, and he outlined these efforts to the Panel at the 5 November meeting. Although the Chairman suggested at that Panel meeting that it might be advantageous to delay the COINS coding effort, he pointed out that the COINS Security Panel did not agree.
- Efforts: Copies of a DIA Counterintelligence Special Report entitled "Hostile Intelligence Collection Efforts Directed at Automatic Data Processing Equipment and Technology" dated 1 September 1970 were distributed to members attending the instant meeting. Copies are being mailed to those members who did not attend the meeting.
- 15. Next Subcommittee Meeting: The next meeting of the Computer Security Subcommittee was scheduled for 0930 hours on 20 November 1970 in Room 4E-64, CIA Headquarters Building.

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